



## INTEREST GROUP MEETING

**October 20, 2024, 2:45 pm - 4:15 pm**

**Room 125**

Interest Group 15 — Human Rights, Professional Ethics and the Values of Medicine

**Topic:** ***Care of unhoused and imprisoned individuals with mental health and substance use disorders***

*Chair:* Steven Joffe, M.D., M.P.H.  
Art and Ilene Penn Professor of Medical Ethics and Health Policy  
Chair, Department of Medical Ethics & Health Policy  
University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine

2:45 – 2:50 pm	<i>Welcome and Introductions</i> Steven Joffe, M.D., M.P.H.
2:50 – 3:05 pm	Brendan Saloner, Ph.D. Professor of Health Policy and Management Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
3:05 – 3:20 pm	Bruce Herdman, Ph.D., MBA [ <i>presenting virtually</i> ] Chief Medical Officer Philadelphia Prison System
3:20 – 4:15 pm	<i>Q&amp;A and discussion</i>



## Speaker bios:

**Brendan Saloner, PhD**, is a Bloomberg Professor of American Health in Addiction and Overdose in the Department of Health Policy and Management. One strand of his research focuses on access and quality of care for people with mental health and substance use disorders. He received an early career award from the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) to study the effects of Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act on treatment for opioid use disorder. He co-leads the Johns Hopkins team under the Bloomberg Overdose Prevention Initiative, a \$120 million investment in overdose reduction focused on seven states. A second strand of his research focuses specifically on health care for people in the criminal legal system. He has received grants from NIDA and Arnold Ventures to investigate medications for opioid use disorder among incarcerated people. He is currently evaluating the statewide expansion of addiction treatment in Maryland county detention facilities. Finally, Professor Saloner maintains an active research program in bioethics. He led a Making a Difference grant supported by the Greenwall Foundation to study resource allocation in jails and prisons during the COVID-19 pandemic. He received the Greenwall Faculty Scholars Award in 2023 for a project focused on ethical issues related to mandated addiction treatment for people in the criminal legal system. Professor Saloner is extensively involved in mentorship and teaching, and directs the PhD program in Health Policy and Management.

**Bruce Herdman, PhD, MBA**, is Chief of Medical Operations at Philadelphia Department of Prisons. Dr. Herdman earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the Pennsylvania State University, served as an officer in the United States Coast Guard and earned an MBA in Health Care Administration, Masters in Management, and PhD in Economics from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania

Dr. Herdman's career in health care administration in Philadelphia includes service as Executive Director of the Mayor's Commission on Health, Senior Vice President for Psychiatric Services at Pennsylvania Hospital, Vice President for Risk Arrangements and Ancillary Services at Independence Blue Cross and Senior Vice President of Provider Network Management at Keystone Mercy Health Plan. Dr. Herdman served on the boards federally qualified health centers, health care foundations and hospitals.

In 2006 Dr. Herdman joined the Philadelphia Department of Prisons in the newly created position of Chief of Medical Operations. He is responsible for the delivery and quality of the medical, behavioral health and dental services provided to over 18,000 inmates annually at the Prison and in the community.